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In re Application of :  
Terrence A. Tomkow :  
Application No. 09/991,201 : **ON PETITION**  
Filed: February 22, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No. RPOST-58937 :

This is a decision on the petition filed February 22, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of February 22, 2002.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application was filed on November 20, 2001. However, on January 17, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of November 20, 2001, and advising applicants that drawings containing Figures 12, 13 and 14 as described in the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response, on February 22, 2002, three (3) sheets of drawings containing Figures 12, 13 and 14 and the present petition were filed. The petition is accompanied by a Supplemental Declaration signed by Terrence A. Tomkow, the named Applicant, that states he has, "reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified application," and that, "the documents in this application specifically include Figures 12-14 of the drawings." Furthermore, the present petition requests the later filing date of Figures 12, 13 and 14.

In view of the above, the application will be processed with a filing date of February 22, 2002, and will incorporate the three (3) sheets of drawings containing Figures 12, 13 and 14, filed February 22, 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing with a filing date of February 22, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Edward Tannouse at (703) 306-9200.



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